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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

David COATES et al.

Confirmation No.: 9088

Serial No.: 10/088,359

Examiner: Michael H. Caley

Filed: March 18, 2002

Group Art Unit: 2871

Title: OPTICAL COMPENSATOR AND LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY I

**RESPONSES TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents - Amendment  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 22, 2004, Applicants hereby elect with traverse, claims 1 - 10, 12 and 17 - 22 (Group I) drawn to an optical compensator. Applicants traverse this requirement because the Examiner has not established that searching all the claims would constitute an undue burden.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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